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STATEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 19(1)

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: PCT/CA2004/000577

Applicant: INTERNATIONAL SILVATECH INDUSTRIES INC.

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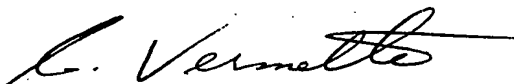
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With respect to amendments being filed under Article 19(1), where originally there were 7 claims now there are 9. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 have been replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 5 and 7 are unchanged; new claims 8 and 9 have been added.

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Amendment to claim 1 reciting a stubby shaft will necessitate amendment of the disclosure to transfer discussion of Figures 1-4 to the Detailed Description as much of this discussion is not prior art. Amendment of the drawings to number the "stubby shaft" and of the disclosure to change the "lower pivot shaft" to "stubby shaft".

WE CLAIM:

1. A swing boom assembly, comprising:

(a) a fixed base (52);

lower pivot shaft (44)
(b) a ~~stubby shaft~~ rotatably mounted on said fixed base
(52);

lower pivot (44)
(c[b]) a pivot base (46) mounted on said ~~stubby shaft~~ at
a lower end thereof[,] a distance from said fixed base
(52) sufficient only to clear said fixed base during
rotation;

(d[c]) boom (14) pivotally coupled to said pivot base (46)
proximate a lower end thereof and having a hydraulic
piston cylinder (58) coupled between said boom (14)
and an upper end of said pivot base (46) and
operative to raise and lower said boom (14);

wherein said pivot base (46) has

(i) an upper shaft (48); JCOG/PCO/PCT/PTO 14 OCT 2005

(ii) a main body (54) having a pair of spaced apart clevis plates affixed to each end of said upper shaft (48);

(iii) a ~~spherical~~ bearing (50) rigidly mounted around said upper shaft (48) between said clevis plates and said bearing having an outer race rigidly mounted to said fixed base (52).

2. An assembly according to claim 1, wherein said hydraulic piston cylinder (58) is pivotally coupled to said pivot base (46) at a level proximate [intermediate] said clevis plates.

3. An assembly according to claim 1 including a swivel actuator (38) mounted on said fixed base (52) and coupled to
said ^{lower pivot (44)} stubby shaft, operative to rotate said pivot base (46)
~~wherein a line of action through said hydraulic piston cylinder passes through said spherical bearing when said hydraulic piston cylinder is near or at a horizontal position.~~

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4. An assembly according to claim 1, ~~including a lower pivot shaft rigidly coupled to said main body and a lower spherical bearing coupled to said lower pivot shaft and having an outer race rigidly coupled to said main body~~ wherein said upper pivot shaft (48) is removable.

5. An assembly according to claim 1, wherein said fixed base (52) is part of a skidder.

6. An assembly according to claim 1, wherein said pivot base (46) is rigidly affixed to a distal portion of said ^{lower pivot} ~~stubby~~ shaft (44) ~~including a swivel actuator mounted on said fixed base and coupled to said lower pivot shaft, operative to rotate said pivot base.~~

7. An assembly according to claim 1, wherein said clevis plates are integral with said main body (54).

8. An assembly according to claim 1, including a lower bearing (52) coupled to a lower portion of said ^{lower pivot} ~~stubby~~ shaft and having an outer race rigidly coupled to said fixed base (52).

9. The assembly of claim 1, including a bearing coupled to a
lower portion of said ~~stubby~~ shaft with an outer race rigidly
coupled to said fixed base and said pivot base is rigidly
affixed to said ~~stubby~~ shaft and including a swivel actuator
mounted on said fixed base and coupled to said ~~stubby~~ shaft,
operative to rotate said ~~stubby~~ shaft.